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OPTIMUM USE OF GROUND WATER
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken steps for optimum use of ground water resources;

(b) whether some advisory council and other organisations have been pressed into service for the purpose;

(c) if so, the details of the task performed by the said organisations; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to conserve the ground water resources?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (d) The Government has constituted an `Artificial Recharge of Ground Water Advisory Council` with a view to popularize the concept of artificial recharge among all stakeholders.

The steps taken by the Government to conserve ground water resources include:-
Circulation of `Model Bill` to enable States/Union Territories to enact suitable legislation for regulation and control of ground water development.
Organization of National Ground Water Congress for sharing information and achieving coordination among stakeholders.
Preparation and circulation of Manual on Artificial Recharge to Ground Water.
Preparation and circulation of `Master Plan on Artificial Recharge of Ground Water` to States/Union Territories.
Implementation of demonstrative schemes of artificial recharge of ground water by Central Ground Water Board (CGWB).
Implementation of the Scheme of `Artificial Recharge to Ground Water through Dugwells` in hard rock areas in seven States viz. Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh.
Promotion of roof top rain water harvesting.
Awareness and training programmes for rain water harvesting and artificial recharge of ground water.
Implementation of scheme for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies.